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"THE DAMNED STUFF CALLED ALCOHOL."

I believe that alcohol, to a certain
degree, demoralizes those who make
it, those who sell it, and those who
drink it.

I believe from the time it issues
from the coiled and poisonous worm
of the distillery until it empties into
the hell of crime, death and dishonor,
it demoralizes everybody that touches
it.

I do not believe that anybody can
contemplate the subject without be-
coming prejudiced against this liquid
crime.

All you have to do is to think of the
deaths—of the suicides, of the insanity,
of the poverty, of the ignorance, of
the distress, of the little children tug-
ging at the faded dresses of weeping
and despairing wives, asking for
bread; of the men of genius it has
wrecked; of the millions who have
struggled with imaginary serpents
produced by this devilish thing.

And when you think of the jails, of
the almshouses, of the prisons, and of
the scaffold upon either bank, I do
not wonder that every thoughtful man
is prejudiced against the damned stuff
called alcohol.

ROBERT G. INGERSOLL.

"Keep Church and State forever
separate."—GRANT.

"In no sense whatsoever is this gov-
ernment founded upon the Christian
religion."—WASHINGTON.

"The divorce between Church and
State should be absolute."—Garfield.

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THE CLERGY

CUSSIN OUT EACH OTHER ABOUT "THE DAMNED STUFF CALL- ED ALCOHOL."

Wilmington, Del., Aug. 13, E. M., 304.
Mr. Charles C. Moore.

Esteemed Friend:—The enclosed
clipping is from the Philadelphia
Press of this date, and is another
proof of the attitude of the church and
clergy in regard to "The damned
stuff called alcohol."

The readers of the B. G. B. will be
pleased with your comments—it is
just in your line.

Give 'em I. Very respectfully,
JOS. H. CLOUD

The following is the clipping:
BISHOP PRAISES MODEL SALOON.

"Subway Tavern" Formally Dedicated
with Speeches Listened to by
Bowery Young Men and
Others—Doxology
Sung.

New York, Aug. 2.—"Subway Tav-
ern," planned to be a model saloon
and financed by several leaders in re-
form movements in this city, was
opened near the Bowery to-day with
formal exercises. Bishop Henry C.
Potter, of the Protestant Episcopal
Diocese of New York, came all the
way from Cooperstown, above Albany,
to deliver the principal address.

By the time the dedication exercises
were about to open a considerable
crowd of men employed about the
police headquarters drifted in and a
little knot of persons from the Bow-
ery and adjacent streets gathered.

The bishop and other guests
watched Bowery young men drink ice
cream soda in the "water wagon"
room up front and inspected the bar-
room, where pure whiskey and beer
and every other kind of drink known
in New York can be bought. Every-
thing is sold at fair prices.

After the speakers were ready the
ceremonies were over. The bishop
emptied the saloon. No drink was
served. The bishop said: "The ob-
ject of the undertaking was to elimi-
nate the element of private profit in
the liquor business, and, secondly,
to dissociate immorality from the drink-
ing habit."

Frederick S. Lamb was the next
speaker. He told of the degeneration
of the present saloon from the old
family buffet, and referred to the
cafes of Europe, where, so he said,
social intercourse is promoted and
family life enters as well as at
home.

"An American frying-pan," he said,
"is often more deadly than American
drinks and we should uphold the move-
ment to better the saloon."

Dr. D. Blaustein, of the Educational
Alliance, was then introduced. He
said that there were fewer saloons on
the East Side in proportion to the
population than in other parts of the
city.

"We have cafes," he declared,
"places where you can sit down at a
table and drink."

Dr. Blaustein continued:—
"The Jews have no drink problem.
It is seldom that one sees a drunken
Jew in the streets. I myself first saw
liquor in the synagogue. There the
rabbi, after the old fashion, used to
bless the Sabbath over a cup of wine,
or even whisky or beer. And I, as the
youngest boy in the family, was per-
mitted to taste of the cup."

Dr. Blaustein deplored the influence
of the worst "American bars" and
wished the tavern God-speed.

The Bishop's Address.

Bishop Potter spoke at some length.
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long evening could be spent without
the necessity of intoxication.

"I belong to a dozen clubs," he said.
"If I want to go out to dinner or so-
cial evening, I can do so in any one
of these clubs. But what of the man
who lives in two rooms with five
small children? He has no club. He
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ania, would not have countenanced
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The Doxology was sung at the close
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For Bishop Potter in Unmeasured
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When He Dedicated Model Saloon In
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SAY KANSAS CITY PEOPLE.

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the letter follows:

May God have mercy upon your be-
nighted idea of striking "the keynote
of attack upon the liquor situation."
You are, rather, indorsing the key that
opens wide the doors to hell for the
army of 100,000 souls who annually
leave the King's highway, and stumble
into drunkard's graves. The present
situation across the water of fifty-
five Bishops in the Church of England,
as stockholders in breweries and dis-
tilleries, with this shameful farce of a
Bishop in the great Episcopal Church
of our own land, is a leading cause
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INFIDEL EDITOR

ENDORING BISHOP POTTER'S SUBWAY SALOON.

I have just read an editorial headed
"A good word of a Bishop," in an
infidel newspaper which says of itself
"There isn't any other weekly Liberal
journal of the size of the"—nam-
ing the paper.

The purpose of the editorial is to
commend Bishop Potter for dedicat-
ing, with prayer and a discourse, the
"Subway Tavern" for liquor drinking.

The editorial says "We began this
piece to congratulate one clergyman
upon the possession of some common
sense," and in various ways it compli-
ments Potter.

It is not at all strange that Chris-
tians say Infidels are immoral.

The paper in which this occurs is,
really, a representative of American
infidelity. As an ordinary thing the
columns of that paper contain much
abuse of preachers, but when a
preacher uses his influence to start a
big liquor drinking saloon this infidel
paper devotes the main editorial in
it to praising that preacher.

Pick up almost any newspaper and
you will read accounts of men who
go into these saloons and not only
kill other men but go drunk back to
their homes and murder their wives
and children.

Never before was so much crime
growing out of liquor drinking. It is
getting to be phenomenal.

A Christian sees a copy of that pa-
per and points triumphantly to the
fact that an infidel paper that claims
to be the largest in America, abuses
the ordinary preacher but praises one
when the preacher advocates saloons
and liquor drinking.

We infidels complain that it is unjust that Chris-
tians call us immoral, but it is not
unjust and it is not strange.

By common consent the liquor in-
fluence is the most demoralizing one
in the world. We attack the Bible
because it teaches liquor drinking
in the Old and New Testament

scriptures and then one of our leading
infidel papers commends and praises
a preacher because he encourages
liquor drinking by opening a saloon
with religious services.

It is reasonable to suppose that if
infidelity could ever come into power
it would join with the Bible in en-
couraging liquor drinking.

I left the pulpit and the church be-
cause I saw Christianity was not true.
My great objection to the Bible was
that it teaches slavery, liquor drink-
ing and polygamy, but I was driven
into publishing this infidel paper by
seeing that Christianity upholds liquor
drinking.

Now I find that a paper to which is
paid far more money than any other
infidel paper in the world makes the
main—almost only—feature of an is-
sue the encouragement of a preacher
for opening a saloon with religious
service, and I am bound to see that
infidelity, like Christianity, is for
liquor, and that while the infidel ed-
itor and the preacher may profess to
be opposed to each other they are
perfectly harmonious and congenial
in encouraging the greatest of all
sources of crime and unhappiness.

I have lost my money by swapping
the pulpit for the infidel tripod; I get
no money for what I am doing with
this paper and if I have only left one
party of friends of liquor to join another
party of friends of liquor what have
I gained?

One editorial like that will do more
damage to infidelity than can be offset
by a thousand good arguments against
the Christian religion.

People do not care about our ab-
stractions about Christianity and in-
fidelity; they judge a fruit tree by the
quality of fruit it produces, and are
sensible in doing so, and a man or wo-
man of good sense and sound morals
will naturally ask what is the sense
in leaving Christianity, even if it is
not really true, to go and join infidel-
ity that makes a business of abusing
the ordinary preacher but joins lovingly
with a preacher that is working to
encourage liquor saloons.

We are always printing in our in-
fidel papers about preachers who are
abandoning Christianity and coming
over to infidelity, but, at the same
time, the number of our infidel papers
is all the time growing less and those
that manage to continue publication are
always on the beg, and are being
worse and worse supported all the
time. This is not at all surprising,
but natural and I believe right.

I try to make this paper for moral-
ity, but there is very little of that in
it. All of us who write for it are
squabbling and quarreling all the
time and trying to show how smart
we are, and the moral influence of
this paper is small because the en-
couragement of morals is a small part
of the paper, and prominent infidels
write to me articles that are printed
in this paper in which they extol the
privilege of liquor drinking as if it
was the grandest and highest and best
of all rights.

We have gone too far even now.
The days of infidel journalism are

numbered. I not only am willing for
this paper to stop if it has to praise
liquor drinking to make a living, but
I want it to stop. I am not willing to
make myself a patron of vice and
suffering among my fellow men by
even conniving at drunkenness. We
may still have papers that call them-
selves Liberal and Freethought and
Rationalistic papers, that will be sup-
ported because they encourage vice,
but the day has come, even now,
when the reputation for immorality
among infidels is such that good and
intelligent people will not support an
infidel paper, because they are nat-
urally and justly ashamed to do so
and do not want to encourage that
which is making humanity worse and
more miserable.

They can all see, of course, that
Potter is a degenerate and depraved
creature, a disgrace to the race, but
he is a Christian and the Christians
will stand by him and protect him, at
the same time that they damn the
infidel who is joined with Potter in his
disgraceful work.

In the mean time infidel journalism
is doomed and if to condone such
vice is to be an infidel I say "Let her
go Gallagher!"

SOCIALISTIC LITERATURE IN THE BARREL

I received from Kidder of Califor-
nia a short article against Socialism,
and by the same mail, longer articles
by Manly Abbott Brigham, of Worces-
ter, Mass., in favor of Socialism.

I threw them, together, into my
waste barrel.

REVEREND BIGELOW'S CHURCH MAY SPLIT.

Associated Press dispatches indi-
cate that the church of Rev. Bigelow
at Cincinnati, he being a kind of semi-
infidel, is about to split, in conse-
quence of a sermon he preached in
which he sympathized with the labor
organization in Colorado, in the mat-
ter of the dynamiting of the depot
at Cripple Creek. He said:

"It is said that when the blood-
hounds were put upon the trail of the
Independence assassins, they went
straight to the house of the com-
pany's detective. But they should
have gone to the capitol building at
Denver. It was there, in the lobby
of the legislature that the wire was
pulled that discharged the pistol into
the dynamite."

It is unreasonable to suppose the
mine owners dynamited their own
offer amendments

and them to r

like God, these times, has
a special spite against little girls,
especially little Sunday School girls.

He burnt up 600 people in the Iro-
quois theater, nearly all children, and
mostly little girls. Then he burned
up 1,031 people on the Slocum, all
Sunday-school people, nearly all chil-
dren and most of them girls, and
just a day or two ago he drowned
six little girls all at once in the Mis-
sissippi river.

There was a man with them. God
saved the man all right, but he man-
aged to drown six out of seven little
girls.

How the dear little girls ought to
love this kind heavenly father who is
always burning them up and drown-
ing them!

RENUNERATIVE.

Well, Bobby, how do you like
church?" asked his father as they
walked homeward from the sanctu-
ary, to which Bobby had just paid his
first visit.

"It's fine!" ejaculated the young man.

"How much did you get, father?"

"How much did I get? Why, what
do you mean? How much what?"
asked the astonished parent at this evi-
dent irreverence.

"Why, don't you remember when
the funny old man passed the money
around I only got 10 cents."

WHAT IS INSIDE OF THE WORLD'S FAIR

And How to See it at the Least Ex-
pense.

The Henderson Route has gotten up
and is now offering for free distribu-
tion a very complete and valuable
booklet descriptive of what is inside
and what is outside of the World's
Fair, and how to see it at the least
expense.

The booklet contains information of
such value, that all prospective visit-
ors to St. Louis should have a copy.

How to reach the Fair Grounds up-
on arrival in St. Louis, how to get
around the grounds to the best advan-
tage, the most economical plan for
touring the Exposition, things of im-
portance to see in St. Louis, together
with many other valuable pointers re-
garding a trip of this nature, are only
some of the many points covered in
this complete booklet.

It is something you should have be-
fore planning your World's Fair trip
and can be obtained by addressing
Mr. L. J. Irwin, General Passenger
Agent, Henderson Route, Louisville,
Ky.

OFF FOR ROME

On August 17th Dr. Wilson sailed
from New York to represent the Na-
tional Liberal Party and Freethought
of America in general at the World's
Congress of Freethinkers to be held
in Rome, Italy, in September. It is
impossible at the present writing to
state how many of the subscribers
have failed to remit the amount of
subscription, but I believe there is
quite a large percentage still remain
unpaid.

Dr. Wilson feels very much gratified
that only one subscriber has requested
that the dollar he had sent for the
book be turned over to the Blue
Grass Blade and that he would send
another dollar as soon as the book is
published. All other subscribers are
satisfied to have the matter intended
for the book appear in the Blade.

The friends of Dr. Wilson have been
generous indeed, and in behalf of the
Doctor and his co-laborers I extend
sincere and most earnest thanks to
all. I had hoped some few months
ago when I made the appeal for the
"cash" that we would be able to have
about \$750 on hand at the time of the
Doctor's departure for Europe. I am
happy to say that our hopes have
been realized.

Dr. Wilson will return about Oct.
12th and he has voted to hold the
Congress of the National Liberal
Party at St. Louis on October 22, 23
and 24th provided. Mr. Morgan
Wamsley has also voted for the same
date, and if I receive favorable re-
plies from Mrs. Henry, Mrs. Closs and
Dr. Barnes our next Congress will be
held on the date stated, viz: October
22, 23 and 24. It is reasonable to sup-
pose that our Vice President will also
vote in the affirmative on this ques-
tion.

In a week or two I shall be in pos-
ition to give fuller particulars about
our convention.

President Wilson has also appoint-
ed a Committee on Programme con-
sisting of Mr. T. J. Wycarver, Cin-
cinnati, Dr. T. J. Bowles, Muncie,
Ind., and Miss Lulu M. Gibson, Chat-
tanooza, Tenn.; a Committee on Hall
and Accommodations consisting of
Mr. George Light of St. Louis, Mo.,
Mr. Geo. N. Lane, Baldwin, Mo., and
Morris Sachs, Cincinnati.

There are some amendments to the
Constitution and By-Laws to be voted
upon at St. Louis. The changes pro-
posed will be published in the Blade
at an early date, and all who wish
offer amendments
and them to r

divisions of
as usual,
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cinnati, O.
MORRIS SACHS.

AN OLD PREACHER TEACHES THE YOUNG ONES TO LIE.

The preacher who delivered the ad-
dress to the divinity students at the
University of Chicago said:

"Exaggeration in the pulpit is en-
tirely allowable. If the modern minis-
ter stated things as they actually are
people would not listen to him. I do
not give this as an apology for lying
but it is a fact that the audiences of
to-day demand sensationalism. They
want to be impressed by big and ex-
traordinary things, and the preacher
must supply this demand. This neces-
sitates exaggerated statements. The
audience is attracted to them, dis-
counts them, and accepts them at
their real worth, while without the
exaggeration they would never have
noticed them."

I have repeatedly said that all in-
telligent preachers were liars and
have quoted Romans iii. 7 to show
that Paul recognized that it was right
to lie for the glory of God, but I did
not expect to see a prominent clergy-
man admit what I said in such strenu-
ous terms as the above.

That admission that